this Highways, particularly form Manguli Chhak to Angul in Orissa State;

(b) whether the project has been held up for paucity of funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time-frame within which this highway would be taken up for four-laning to control loss of life and property in road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Provision has been kept in the current Annual Plan for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) including feasibility study for 4-laning of NH-42 from Manguli Chhak to Angul.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The proposal for preparation of DPR including feasibility study from State Government of Orissa is awaited. It is too early to indicate the time frame within which the four-laning would be taken up.

Four-Laning of NH-8A (Extn.)

1503. SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time bound programme has been framed for starting and completion of the work of four-laning of Gandhidham-Mundra Section of NH-8A (Extn.); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Gandhidham-Mundra Section of NH-8A (Extn.) has been identified for 4-laning under NHDP Phase III. At present preparation of Feasibility-cum-Preliminary Design Report is in progress. It is too early to indicate the time bound programme for start and completion of the project as it depends on the financial viability and approval of the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC). The target date for completion of NHDP Phase III Projects is December, 2013.

Outsourcing of management of ships by SCI

1504. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) had decided to outsource management of 30 ships to private companies;